

BROAD AREA ANNOUNCEMENT (BAA) HM1582-04-0004
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
Round 3

Question 15: What is the intended period of performance?

Answer: Offerors may propose either a one-year or two year period of performance. They may also bid option years up to a maximum of five years.

Question 16: Is there an anticipation of funding in Fiscal Year 05 that would make it worthwhile to bid options for out-year activity?

Answer: Yes.

Question 17: The BAA calls for submission by E-Mail. (a) Does this sight use PGP or any other type of encryption software? (b) Are hard copies/faxes allowable?

Answer: 17(a): No. As an alternative, Offerors may password protect their files and send the password to us in another E-Mail.

17(b): Hard copies are only acceptable for classified proposals.

Question 18: Is the executive summary page limit of one page, per proposal or is it one page for all proposals?

Answer: It is per proposal.

Question 19: Will the Government award all \$2,570,000 before September 30, 2004?

Answer: All funds will be obligated if there are a sufficient number of proposals that are recommended for award.

Question 20: Does the funding identified in the BAA, i.e., 600K for Radar ADE; \$1,470,00 for NEGI; and \$500K for PEA, equate to a one year base period or a two year base period?

Answer: The funding identified equates to the committed funded for this BAA. Offerors may propose a one year or a two year effort as they deem appropriate.

Question 21: The BAA states that the Government expects to award a cost plus contract. Many academic institutions and smaller companies work on fixed hourly or daily rates and do not have cost-plus accounting systems. Is the Government flexible on the contract type, contingent upon the institution or small business normal accounting and bidding practices?

Answer: A cost type contract is anticipated because the absence of precise specifications and difficulties in estimating costs when one contracts for "Basic Research" normally precludes using fixed price contracts. Offerors who submit a proposal that is recommended for award will probably receive a model contract of the cost reimbursement type. During negotiations (Section 6.2D), the offeror may propose another contract type. If the Government believes that a fair and reasonable price can be negotiated using another contract type, then a different type may be awarded. **Please note that the answer to question 21 conflicts with the answer given to question 11 as part**

of amendment 02. The answer to question 11 is corrected to read: "The Government will require unburdened labor rates for a cost reimbursement contract".

Question 22: May a FFRDC propose?

Answer: Not under this BAA.